



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6450***

LCO No. 3339



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING FEE AT THE STATE BOARD OF  
MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-97 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) Whenever a grievance or dispute arises between an employer  
4 and his employees, the parties may submit the same directly to said  
5 board and notify said board or its clerk in writing and upon payment  
6 by each party of a filing fee of [twenty-five] one hundred dollars.  
7 Whenever a single public member of the board is chosen to arbitrate a  
8 grievance or dispute, as provided in section 31-93, the parties shall  
9 each be refunded the filing fee. Whenever such notification is given, a  
10 panel of said board, as directed by its chairman, shall proceed with as  
11 little delay as possible to the locality of such grievance or dispute and  
12 inquire into the causes thereof. The parties shall thereupon submit to  
13 said panel in writing, succinctly, clearly and in detail, their grievances  
14 and complaints and the causes thereof, and severally promise and  
15 agree to continue in business or at work without a strike or lockout

16 until the decision of the panel is rendered; but such agreement shall  
17 not be binding unless such decision is rendered within ten days after  
18 the completion of the investigation. The panel shall fully investigate  
19 and inquire into the matters in controversy, take testimony under oath  
20 in relation thereto and may administer oaths and issue subpoenas for  
21 the attendance of witnesses and for the production of books and  
22 papers.

23 (b) No panel of said board may consider any claim that one or more  
24 of the issues before the panel are improper subjects for arbitration  
25 unless the party making such claim has notified the opposing party  
26 and the chairman of the panel of such claim, in writing, at least ten  
27 days prior to the date of hearing, except that the panel may consider  
28 such claim if it determines there was reasonable cause for the failure of  
29 such party to comply with said notice requirement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	31-97

***Statement of Purpose:***

To increase the filing fee for the submission of grievances to the Board of Mediation and Arbitration in order to increase revenue and to further ensure that any party filing such grievances is doing so in good faith.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*